

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A composition of matter comprising:
a positively charged substrate; and at least one
5 water soluble tetrazolium salt on at least one surface of said positively charged
substrate.
2. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said positively charged substrate
is a bibulous substrate.
- 10 3. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said positively charged substrate
is a non-bibulous substrate.
4. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said water soluble tetrazolium salt
15 is part of an analyte oxidizing signal producing system.
5. The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal
producing system comprises an analyte oxidase.
- 20 6. The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal
producing system comprises an analyte dehydrogenase.
7. The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal
producing system further comprises an electron transfer agent.
- 25 8. The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal
producing system further comprises an enzyme cofactor.
9. The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal
30 producing system is present as a reagent composition.